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1. Informant indicated that Hermes came to Berlin principally because Karlshorst had recently expressed the desire to have a talk with him. However, informant does not expect that the result of any discussion that may take place will be very favorable with respect to a Soviet change of attitude toward the CDU in general, and toward that party's freedom of development.

2. Since Hermes' arrival in Berlin, Karlshorst has again expressed the wish to see Hermes. Rather than give him an appointment at Karlshorst, Karlshorst has left the choice of a meeting place to Hermes, including the non-Soviet sectors of Berlin. 25X1A6a
Comment: Former Deputy Mayor of Berlin and chief of the Berlin Food Office, Hermes was forced to resign from the CDU under Russian pressure. He later went to the American Zone. As a preliminary to a meeting with Karlshorst, Hermes received a Soviet political officer with rank of general at a private German home in the British Sector. A small group of CDU people was present. In view of the cordiality of the meeting, further discussions are expected to be held with Karlshorst in the near future.)

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